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Media Advisory

**Veteran's Day at the 2016 DuQuoin State Fair
Sunday, August 28**

Free Admission for Veterans, Entertainment, Veterans' Benefit Expo and More

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois State Fair and USAA invite veterans and their family members to enjoy a day at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, August 28, 2016. In addition to all the great activities, events, entertainment and food the DuQuoin State Fair has to offer, the following programs and events are planned for veterans at the Second Heat/Senior Center Building. The building is located at the corner of Midway Drive and Hayes Avenue.

11:00 am	Veteran's Benefits Expo Opens
11:30 am	Canine Service Dog Presentation "This Able Veteran"
12 Noon	Mr. Marty Shadowen Patriotic Musical Tribute
1:00 pm	Official Program Keynote Speaker – State Senator David Haine Vietnam Veteran 50 th Commemorative Anniversary Program
1:30 pm	Canine Service Dog Presentation "This Able Veteran"

The IDVA Veteran's Benefit Expo, held inside the building called Second Heat/Senior Center, includes information, services and activities for veterans and family members with the IDVA, state and federal agencies and veteran service organizations will be open until 4 pm.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans will host a "Welcome Home" celebration for all Vietnam Veterans. The celebration is to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States, and to thank and honor the families of these veterans. Veterans who served in the military service between the years of 1955 and 1975 will be presented a 50th Anniversary Commemorative lapel pin.

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The IDVA will announce a major new Volunteer Program that will occur on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016 called Serving Those Who Served.

Media are welcome to attend and advance publicity of the event is appreciated. For additional information, please contact Dave MacDonna, IDVA Spokesperson – Dave.MacDonna@illinois.gov or 217-524-0629.

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